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Docket No.: 103864-700 RI

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Lasher et al.

Serial No. 09/608,013

Filed: 30 June 2000

For: AUTOMATIC PRESCRIPTION FILING,
SORTING AND PACKAGING SYSTEM



: Group Art Unit: 3721

: Examiner: E. Kim

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D. C. 20231

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This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 19, 2001, having a response due by September 19, 2001. Applicants request a one-month extension of time to respond to the Official Action, i.e., to and including October 19, 2001, and enclose the appropriate fee in accordance with 37 CFR §1.136(a). The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 1-134 are pending in the application, that claims 1-4, 6-16, 30, 31, 36-44, 49-59, 65-76, 81-115 and 121-134 are rejected, and that claims 5, 17-29, 32-35, 45-48, 60-64, 77-80 and 116-120 are objected. The Examiner indicated that the objected claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims. Applicants graciously acknowledges the Examiner's indication of allowable the subject matter. In accordance with the Office Action, no claims have been amended. Thus, claims 1-134 are pending in the application. The Examiner's rejections are traversed below.